

Alton Inn became  
Stuccoach Inn  
in Daniels Canyon

Dear Mr  
Bull

Sweden  
now sprout

Harold Olsen & wife Helma

Alesson - his wife

Harold dug holes for high water  
from mouth -

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Canyon full of Rattle snakes.  
from Curt Crook

Crossroads Inn

John Chiles  
John  
Wheeler  
John Madole  
Stanley  
Percy Anderson  
Crossroads.

**HUSBAND**

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

Husband

Wife

James MADDUX  
Pearl ANDERSONWard 1.  
Examiners: 2.

NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET

Stake or  
Mission**WIFE**

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WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S OTHER  
HUSBANDS

WIFE'S MOTHER

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Jim &amp; Pearl owned "Crossroads" Bar &amp; dinner house

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MURDOCK

**GEM SALOON**

Main Street, Heber City, Utah

**THE QUALITY OF**

Our goods is the best recomendation we have to offer.

**OUR WINES AND LIQUORS**Represent the best brands on the market and the fragrance  
of our cigars**IS OUR BOAST**You will always find pleasant and comfortable Pool and  
Card Rooms where you can be courteously served with all  
kinds of plain and fancy beverages that you may desire.**ROY MURDOCK, Proprietor.**

Grey Fox Inn

① where "Mony Pigglets" is now



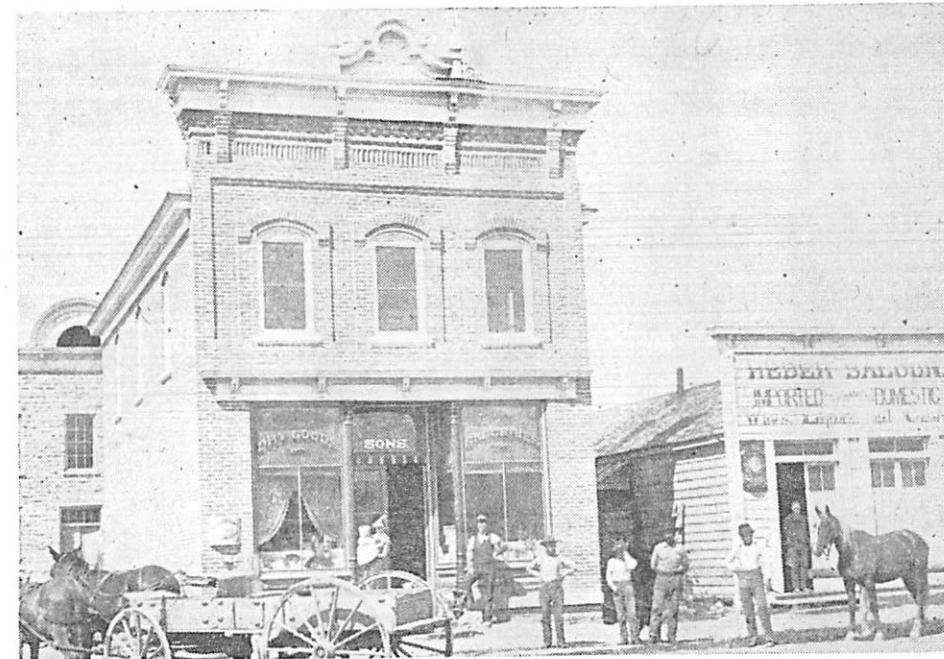
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Bill Mangum's  
Janice  
Tackle Shop  
E Highway 40

Grey Fox Inn

# Wasatch Co. Building Survey

Name of Building: Heber Sallon

Information Required		Date Found
Location:	about 215 No Main	Town: Heber 24 (west side of street)
Architect:		
Builders:		
Building Material:	ship lap lumber	
Style of Building:	ordinary - store	
	Front style	
Date Built:		
Original Owners:	John McNay	
FGS		
Pedigree		
Histories		
Pictures		
Subsequent Owners:		
Notes:		
References:	1. "UWS"; p 99, 112-113 2. Not in HBLM.	



Turner Mercantile with opera house in back and McNay Saloon. Jane Hatch Turner holding baby Lacy, William Turner near door and John McNay in door of saloon. *M.W.S. p 79*

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**The Old Reliable House**  
Where you get what you  
pay for, and pay for  
what you get



ALL THEIR WINES  
AND LIQUORS ARE  
MEDICINALLY PURE  
AND THEIR CIGARS  
ARE THE BEST  
BRANDS ON THE  
MARKET. & FAMILY  
TRADE A SPECIALTY



Phone  
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be promptly delivered

**Levi Turner, Proprietor**



Heber Saloon  
John McNay  
Levi Turner

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## The Hotel Bar

### ADJOINING THE DUNCAN HOUSE

is the best place in town to take a quiet Drink or Smoke. Our Wines and Liquors and Cigars are the purest and best. We keep no other. Family Trade Solicited.

Just call Phone No. 56  
and we do the rest

**Al. Richens**  
PROPRIETOR



The Duncan House, popular Heber hotel, is shown here in this 1918 photograph.

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Al Richens ran the  
"Hotel Bar" at the Duncan  
House

## HUSBAND

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
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HUSBAND'S FATHER

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Husband

Wife

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Examiners: 1.  
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RICHENS

NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET

## WIFE

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
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WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

WIFE'S MOTHER

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AI kept the "Hotel Bar" adjoining the old Duncan House

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 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
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 HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

Husband

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C H BISHOP

PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt.

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**WIFE**

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WIFE'S  
MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEW SALOON**Everything new, first class, and up to date. We keep only  
the best Brands of**Wines,****Liquors,****Cigars.**

We carry high class trade

**C. H. BISHOP & CO.**

## SALOONS AND TAVERNS

Saloons and taverns for the convenience of miners in the Midway area were operated during the mining era, but quickly faded from the picture with the beginning of prohibition. The establishments were mostly of the "movie variety"—hard liquor sold over a bar and disputes settled with six guns. Pool tables and cards were featured, although dance hall girls were prohibited. In recent years there have been a few billiard and pool halls operated.

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Jake Elmo A

JACOBSEN

HUSBAND'S  
MOTHER**WIFE**

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
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HUSBANDSWIFE'S  
MOTHER**CHILDREN**

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called "Jake"

**800 Mile Swimmer**

Mr. E.A. (Jake) Jacobson recently completed swimming 800 miles at the Wasatch Community Swim Pool on their American Red Cross "Swim and Stay Fit" program.

Jake is a retired American oil distributor and an accomplished Metal Sculptor. An excellent swimmer, he was chosen as the "Swimmer of the Year" in 1980 and has swam during the early morning swim program since it was started 6 years ago.

Active in civic affairs he has served on the hospital board, the Heber City Board of Adjustments, and as a Wasatch County Commissioner. He plans to swim as often as possible.



E.A. Jacobson

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<b>HUSBAND</b>		<i>Farrell SPENCER</i>														
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FAMILY  
GROUP  
RECORD

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Saloon next to  
Buels (wasatch)

## HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

## ALVA M. MURDOCK



Alva Moroni Murdock was born April 26, 1857, in Carson Valley, Nevada. His parents, Joseph Stacy Murdock and Elizabeth Hunter Murdock, had been sent to Carson Valley on a colonizing mission by Brigham Young in 1856.

In 1857, when the crops were ready to harvest, they were called back to Salt Lake by Brigham Young because of the invasion of Johnston's army, and were told to bring ammunition from California.

Alva's father had to sell his ranch and crops as they stood, ready to harvest, to some Texans on their way to the California goldfields for horses and wagons to make the return journey to Utah.

Ten years of hard pioneering followed for the Murdock family, first in American Fork and later in Heber City, where Alva's father, Joseph Stacy Murdock, was the first bishop and also first representative to the State Legislature from Wasatch County. There always was progress, though. A stone home was built in Heber; children were sent to school, and life became somewhat easier.

However, Joseph Murdock's organizational ability was too valuable to the Church to allow him to enjoy the comparative ease and security of the then well-established Heber City, and once more came the call to assist in colonizing, this time in southern Nevada in what is known as the Muddy Mission. So, in 1867, the Murdock family moved to the south, settling near the town of Moapa on the Muddy River.

The settlers had paid their taxes to Utah and to Arizona, only to find they were in Nevada, where more taxes were demanded. So, after a visit from Brigham Young, whom Alva says he remembers clearly, the project was abandoned for the time being and homes, orchards and 1,000 bushels of wheat were left behind.

The Murdock children were very happy to leave and when the father looked back as they came to a rise in the ground, he could see smoke rising. When asked about it, Alva admitted he had lighted the match, so they could not decide to turn back.

It was the trip to and from the Muddy Mission and the life there that is given credit for one of the outstanding habits of Alva's life. Because of the heat and mosquitoes, most of the travel was accomplished at night. Alva drove a yoke of oxen almost the entire way, although he was just a mere lad.

In 1870, when they reached Provo, the father, knowing that there were many mouths to feed, succeeded in securing the first government contract for carrying mail from Provo, by way of Heber and Kamas to Echo. Here the boys were put to work in relays with horses.

Interest in livestock became the deciding factor in Alva's destiny and was responsible for his entry into the Uintah Basin. He and Jim Clyde undertook to ride herd on a thousand head of cattle belonging to Heber residents, grazing them in the broad expanse of Strawberry Valley, now under the waters of Strawberry Reservoir. This herd was known as the Co-op herd and gave the name to Co-op Creek, which was a favorite camping spot for the herders.

In about 1875, when the feed in Strawberry Valley seemed inadequate for the cattle, the ranchers wanted them to graze. Alva and Jim Clyde decided to investigate

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the basin, where the season longer, and they rode along the Muddy River and in Sam's Canyon.

Feed in these canyons was abundant, according to Alva, and they thought that if they just overwintered there they would have a good supply of feed for their cattle. Her ambition which years later was realized. Not content even with this, the two young men went on down into the basin, prospecting the entire region, much of which was held as an Indian reservation.

The final result was the leasing of the entire basin by Alva, Jim Clyde and a third man, Charles Carter, for \$1,000 a year, from the Indian agent, with the stipulation that they confine their herd to cattle, barring horses and sheep which might get mixed with stock belonging to the Indians. The following year their herd increased to 3,000 head of cattle.

When he was just a little over 20, Alva married Josephine Nicol, born January 25, 1859, in Salt Lake City, Utah, daughter of Thomas and Johanna Handberg Nicol.

Alva and his wife were married in Salt Lake City on June 24, 1877, but made their home in Heber, and he recalls he was denied much of the pleasure of the usual young groom starting his home. Just three weeks after his marriage he suddenly was faced with the situation of a man whom he had hired to take care of his cattle in the basin, demanding more money, and rather than pay the increase, Alva took over the horse, saddle and provisions he had provided for the herder and went to the basin himself. Since there was no one to relieve him, he stayed there with the cattle, eventually finding himself snowed in. It was nine months before he was able to return the next spring to his bride.

Time for the next years was divided between the basin and Heber, though Alva kept his family in Heber some time. At Heber his energy took him to such occupations as timbering and saw milling.

In the meantime, Alva was becoming a man of importance in Heber, where he was constantly interested in civic improvement. Among other responsible positions there was that of early school trustee, and his interest in education never diminished. Ven-

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stable business in Heber City. And he was a Railroad worker in 1899, raising stock and vegetables with his wife.

His first daughter, Ida, was born October 30, 1878, and died a year later. Ida Josephine, now Mrs. Oscar A. Kirkham, was born July 10, 1880, followed by two other daughters, Dora and Vern.

It was in 1885, when Vern was still a little girl, that Alva decided to establish a trading post at Whiterocks and took his wife and three daughters there to live. While he operated the trading post, his wife ran a boarding house for officials of the government agency. This took much of Mrs. Murdock's time and sometimes for the entire day little Vern would be taken over by the Indians.

The keen understanding of the Indians by Joseph Stacy Murdock—his father—seemed to have been passed on to the son Alva, for he stood in good stead both in his trading with the Indians and in his many associations with them. The Indians learned to consider him a friend and adviser, and held him in so much respect that in all the years he has run cattle in the basin it has never been proven that any Indian ever killed or stole a Murdock animal. He spoke and understood their language and they regarded each other as friends.

Then came the move to the basin to establish his permanent home when it was thrown open to homesteaders in 1905. By this time he was well known and established, both in Heber and in the basin, among whites and Indians alike. He was a man of resources and accomplishments, able to see and grasp opportunities and with the resourcefulness to carry through his projects.

On the day before opening, Alva, by special permit, was allowed to come in to establish a store and other accommodations to provide for the expected settlers. He brought in two wagons and a big circus tent, which he set up beside an old cabin which he bought from an Indian, Segusie Jack. In the cabin he kept his merchandise

while the tent became a store, boarding house and community center for homesteaders who flocked in to select their lands. Later a huge bonfire was built near the tent, around which were gathered 52 men, and Dora, his daughter, the only woman on the townsite. Grant was the only boy on the campsite. In honor of the occasion the crowd voted to call the settlement Dora, the name it carried for some time or until the post office was established under the name Theodore.

Owing the home ranch had been a dream of the family for years, and when it was finally secured on the Strawberry River, Alva and Josephine made a trip to Salt Lake and had planned a trip to the coast to improve her health. This was not to be, however, and in three weeks she was dead. Her passing occurred February 3, 1913, at the home of her son-in-law, Oscar A. Kirkham.

Alva then put all his energy into building up the ranch to make it a real home for his children and their friends. He had three summer homes built for Ida, Dora and Vern and their families, and a place of fun and entertainment in the large ranch house for his younger family, along with the work that necessarily had to be done. After World War I, a financial crash came to Alva, as it did to many others, and he also realized that a home was not a home without a mother. So, in October, 1915, he married Ivy Stephens Lidell, and on April 7, 1919, his son, Willard S., was born.

In the meantime, many of his large family had been married and were living in homes of their own, some in the basin and others scattered about Utah and other states.

Of his 11 children, two died in infancy, and Merle and Wells as adults. Dora Ryan passing away in December, 1958. The others are Mrs. Oscar A. Kirkham, Salt Lake; Mrs. R. S. Lusty and Grant Murdock, Duchesne; Mrs. Hazel M. Murray, Willets, California; Mrs. J. C. Hansen, Helper, Utah; Ralph C. Murdock, Whitman, Nebraska; and Willard S. Murdock, Roosevelt, Utah.

Although Alva's health was failing, he was still active in civic and home affairs, and rode his favorite horse daily. At a meeting on February 2, 1944, he was elected General chairman for the Duchesne County

Fair Committee. He had also been president of the Chamber of Commerce and the year before had been chairman of the Duchesne County Stampede. However, his family insisted he should seek medical aid in Salt Lake City, and he underwent an operation. He later was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar A. Kirkham, where all thought he was improving until the morning of November 1, 1944. He realized the end was near and asked Oscar to say a prayer, and a great spirit passed on.

## JAMES STACY MURDOCK

James Stacy Murdock, son of Joseph Stacy and Elizabeth Hunter Murdock, was born December 8, 1861, at American Fork, Utah. His parents moved the family to Heber, Wasatch County, Utah, in 1862, where he lived a full life.

As a young man, he and his brother, Alva M., built and managed the first livery stable in Heber. They operated a freight line between Heber and the Uintah Basin

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and carried the U. S. mail between Heber and Park City, Utah.

James always was a man of industry and foresight, an ardent sportsman and a builder for his community, as well as for himself. He was known throughout the West as one of its most prominent stockmen and wool-growers. Many people were employed in his various interests. He was civic-minded to the extent that at times he bore the expense of promoting issues he believed to be for the public good. The retaining of the Heber Light & Power Company for the community, being an example. The people of the city were about to sell the plant to the Utah Light & Power Company when he and his life-long friend, James W. Clyde, hired an electrical engineer to prove to the community what a valuable asset they possessed. The company is still owned by the city.

James played baseball, hunted and fished as hobbies, and being an ardent lover of horses, he bred and raced standard-bred horses for a time.

He held many public offices during his lifetime. He was elected sheriff in 1891, serving eight years. From 1893 to 1901 he held the position of County Fish and Game Commissioner. He was a director of the Bank of Heber City many years.

He married Dora Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Johanna Kirstine Nicol, on February 23, 1882, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. To this couple two sons and six daughters were born: Mrs. Charles E. (Josephine) Bronson, Alva Pierce, Curtis Thomas, Mrs. Thomas (Criss) Jones, Mrs. Lester D. (May) Greenwood, Mrs. Andrew J. (Hope) Mohr, Mrs. Durrel T. (Clara) Birmingham, and Mrs. Eldon (Beth) Ritchie.

During the later part of her life, Dora

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was an invalid. The loving care James conferred on her and the children lives in the memory of his family and friends. She passed away on October 29, 1907.

On February 27, 1913, James married Violet McNiven, daughter of James and Lydia McNiven. She died May 25, 1933.

James was a big, genial man, a good friend and neighbor, always ready to contribute time and money to any worthy cause.

He passed away in Salt Lake City, January 12, 1936, and was buried in the family plot in Heber City Cemetery.

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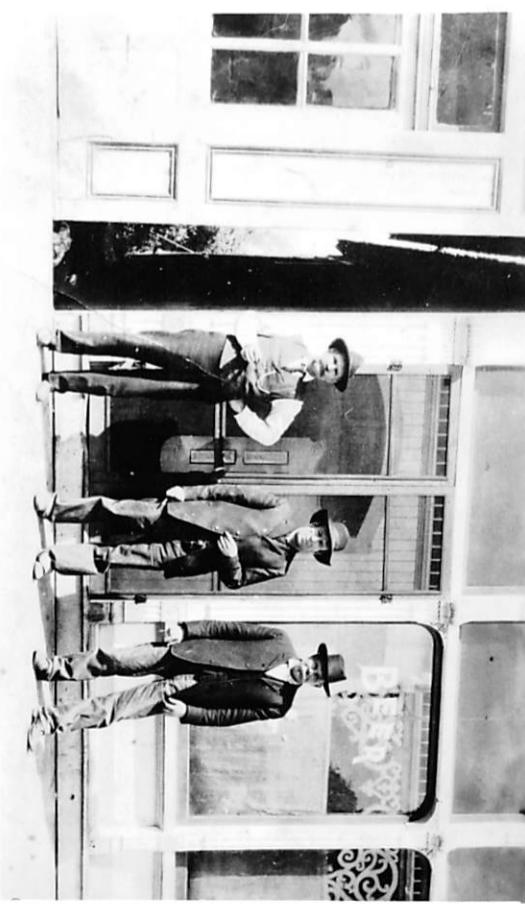
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